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National Park Service Ranger Bethany Bagent Describes the Building of the Jefferson Memorial, Park Ranger Potpourri Lecture, October 5

October 15, 2021

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Alerts & Notices

- OLLI Players perform *The Haunted Carousel*, Friday, October 15, 2:00-3:00. Emailed "Daily Schedule OLLI Mason" provides link and details.
- *Reminder:* OLLI Personal Computer User Group (OPCUG) meeting Saturday, October 16 (tomorrow), at 1:00, via Zoom. The meeting link and other information are available in the emailed "Daily Schedule OLLI Mason" for October 15-16. Meeting details are available at [this link](#).
- Grab 'n' Gab coffee klatch, Friday, October 22, 10:00-11:30. All members welcome. The Zoom meeting link and other information will appear in the emailed "Daily Schedule OLLI Mason" for October 22.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, October 22; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, October 19, at 6:00.

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OLLI President's Message October 15



By [Paul Howard](#), President



After a delay caused by supply-chain issues, work has resumed on the construction of the ramp at Tallwood to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as illustrated by some photos I took on October 9. The photo at left was taken from near the ramp terminus on the upper level, looking down past TA-2 toward TA-3. Near the entry to TA-3, work on the railings for the ramp has begun, as visible in the second photo.



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Reston Program Planning Group Meeting

By [Shannon Kim Morrow](#), Program Associate

All are welcome to join us for the next Reston Program Planning Group meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 4:00. As we move back to in-person classes, it's doubly important to plan for a robust program in Reston. We encourage you to bring your ideas and suggestions. Please see the Zoom information below. We hope to see

you!

Please click this [Zoom link](#) to join the Reston Program Planning Group meeting and use passcode 135790 or enter meeting ID 814 8422 2916 in the Zoom application and use the above passcode. You may also dial in at 301-715-8592. Thank you!

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Join the Directors of Mason's Fall Musical for a Behind-the-Scenes Talk on *Footloose*



By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers' Group Coordinator

Have you ever wondered just how a director decides upon a vision for a show? Or how the choreographer develops ideas for telling the story through dance? If so, please join the Friends of Theater this Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 4:00, when Mason's Director Erin Gardiner, Music Director Joe Walsh, and Choreographer Ahmad Maaty share their visions for "A Concert Presentation of *Footloose*." There will be plenty of opportunity during this free, hour-long virtual program to chat with them about their craft. You might want to ask Joe Walsh to compare a concert presentation and a stage performance. What's the difference?

You will also meet Djola Branner, the new Director of Mason's School of Theater, and enjoy the fun and catchy tunes the lead singers will perform.

Footloose, the Broadway show, was based on a 1984 film of the same name. The plot was inspired by actual events that took place in the 1970s in Elmore City, a small, rural, religious town in Oklahoma. The high-school seniors wanted to hold a senior prom, but dancing had been outlawed in 1898, when the town was founded. What happens next is heartwarming and a testament to the healing power of the arts.

You must register for the program. Email Rachel Engle at ringle@gmu.edu. You will receive the Zoom link a day before the program.

Mason's talented School of Theater students will perform "A Concert Presentation of *Footloose*," October 28-31, 2021, at The Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Senior tickets are \$15. For tickets and more information, click on [this link](#).

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Photo of the Month



The October 2021 Photo of the Month theme was Panoramas. We selected Ed Rader's Death Valley photo "Zabriskie Point," which may also be viewed at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the club's photo [website](#).

-- By John Olsen and Ed Marion, Photography Club Coordinators

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

crimson leaves take flight
rain pummels their airborne dream
flaming red whirlwind

-Susan Bennett

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, October 8 through October 18



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Mason's campuses are in the process of reopening. Limited programs at both Fairfax and Manassas campuses, along with virtual performances, are available for us to access and enjoy. Dr. Linda Apple Monson produces a periodic "Notes from the Director." This email is full of interesting online performances by the students and faculty of the School of Music. If you would like to receive these bulletins, just send an email to Brianna Schoen at bschoen@gmu.edu. Also, the Center for the Arts has a website [Mason Arts at Home](#), which has a calendar of online events and access to many past performances. Information can also be found at [CFA ticket purchase page](#), [Center for the Arts YouTube Channel](#), or the [Hylton ticket purchase page](#).

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At the Fairfax Campus Venues

The Magic of Bill Blagg Live!

Sat, Oct 16, 7:00

[Concert Hall](#)

Admission: \$15.

Sphinx Virtuosi

Sun, Oct 17, 3:00

[Concert Hall](#)

Admission: \$48, \$41, \$28.

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

No Performances Scheduled

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibition: Carroll Sockwell - Grey

Tue, Oct 12 through Sun, Nov 14
 Hylton Performing Arts Center, Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 Admission: Free.

Prince William Little Theatre: Dial "M" for Murder

Fri, Oct 8 and 15, 8:00
 Sat, Oct 9 and 16, 8:00
 Sun, Oct 10 and 17, 2:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$20 Adults; \$17 seniors

Manassas Ballet Theatre: Dracula

Fri, Oct 15, 7:30
 Sat, Oct 16, 7:30
 Sun, Oct 17, 3:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$65, \$55, \$45, \$35, \$25.

ARTfactory: Sweeney Todd

Fri, Oct 22 and 29, 8:00
 Sat, Oct 23 and 30, 8:00
 Sun, Oct 24 and 31, 4:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$30.

Manassas Symphony Orchestra: Back to the Classics

Sat, Oct 23, 7:30
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$20 Adults; \$15 seniors.

US Navy Band: Awakenings

Sun, Oct 24, 3:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Free; tickets are required.

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For further details on any of the above events, see the [CFA event calendar](#) and the [Hylton Center event calendar](#).

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Meetings & Clubs

Please note: Physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled until further notice in accordance with Mason's guidelines. OLLI is conducting its classes and activities online. Refer to the university's [coronavirus](#)

[website](#) for official university updates and check the [OLLI calendar](#) for revised information.

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office. The list is accurate as of mid-week but for the most up-to-date information, please view the latest forecast of coming events on our website (News/[OLLI Calendar](#)). *Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend, meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off coffees, etc. (**bolded** below). The OLLI office has sent (or will send) emails with links and meeting passwords to club members; you may also log in at the [member portal](#) and click on **ZOOM CLASS LINKS**.*

Sat Oct 16	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club Personal Computer User Group Meeting
Tue Oct 19	4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Reston Program Planning Group Meeting Tai Chi Club
Wed Oct 20	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club Ethnic Eats Club
Thu Oct 21	4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Reston Book Club Tai Chi Club
Fri Oct 22	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon	Craft and Conversation Grab 'n' Gab Coffee Klatch Classic Literature Club Homer, etc. Photography Club
Sat Oct 23	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Tue Oct 26	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Oct 27	2:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group Spanish Club Theater Lovers' Group
Thu Oct 28	4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Reston Book Club Tai Chi Club
Fri Oct 29	9:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am	Craft and Conversation Classic Literature Club Homer, etc.
Sat Oct 30	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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